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115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6740

[Report No. 115–962]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish Border Tunnel
Task Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. McCaul) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 7, 2018]

A BILL

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Border Tunnel Task Forces, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Task*
5 *Force Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. BORDER TUNNEL DETECTION.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the Home-*
8 *land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211 et seq.) is amended*
9 *by adding at the end the following new section:*

10 **“SEC. 420. BORDER TUNNEL TASK FORCES.**

11 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish*
12 *Border Tunnel Task Forces in jurisdictions in which such*
13 *Border Tunnel Task Forces can contribute to border secu-*
14 *rity missions after evaluating—*

15 *“(1) whether the areas in which such Border*
16 *Tunnel Task Forces would be established are signifi-*
17 *cantly impacted by cross-border threats; and*

18 *“(2) the availability of Federal, State, local, and*
19 *Tribal law enforcement resources to participate in*
20 *such Border Tunnel Task Forces.*

21 *“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Border Tunnel*
22 *Task Forces under subsection (a) is to enhance and inte-*
23 *grate border security efforts by addressing and reducing*
24 *cross-border tunnel related threats and violence by—*

1 “(1) facilitating collaboration among Federal,
2 State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to
3 execute coordinated activities in furtherance of border
4 security and homeland security; and

5 “(2) enhancing information-sharing, including
6 the dissemination of homeland security information,
7 among such agencies.

8 “(c) COMPOSITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BORDER
9 TUNNEL TASK FORCES.—Border Tunnel Task Forces may
10 be comprised of the following:

11 “(1) Personnel from U.S. Customs and Border
12 Protection, including the U.S. Border Patrol.

13 “(2) Personnel from U.S. Immigration and Cus-
14 toms Enforcement, including Homeland Security In-
15 vestigations.

16 “(3) Personnel from other Department compo-
17 nents and offices, as appropriate.

18 “(4) Personnel from other Federal, State, local,
19 and Tribal law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

20 “(5) Other appropriate personnel at the discre-
21 tion of the Secretary.

22 “(d) DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—In determining
23 whether to establish a new Border Tunnel Task Force or
24 to expand an existing Border Tunnel Task Force in a given
25 jurisdiction, the Secretary shall ensure that the Border

1 *Tunnel Task Force under consideration does not unneces-*
2 *sarily duplicate the efforts of other existing interagency task*
3 *forces or centers within such jurisdiction.*

4 “(e) *COORDINATION AMONG COMPONENTS.—The Sec-*
5 *retary shall—*

6 “(1) *establish targets and performance measures*
7 *for the Border Tunnel Task Forces that include con-*
8 *sideration of whether border barriers impact cross-*
9 *border tunnel threats;*

10 “(2) *direct leadership of each Border Tunnel*
11 *Task Force to monitor progress on such targets and*
12 *performance measures for each such task force; and*

13 “(3) *periodically report to the Committee on*
14 *Homeland Security of the House of Representatives*
15 *and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-*
16 *ernmental Affairs of the Senate regarding progress on*
17 *such targets and performance measures.”.*

18 “(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in*
19 *section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is*
20 *amended by inserting after the item relating to section 419*
21 *the following new item:*

“Sec. 420. *Border Tunnel Task Forces.”.*

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